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(54) **ELECTRONIC DEVICE INCLUDING LUMINOUS STRIP**

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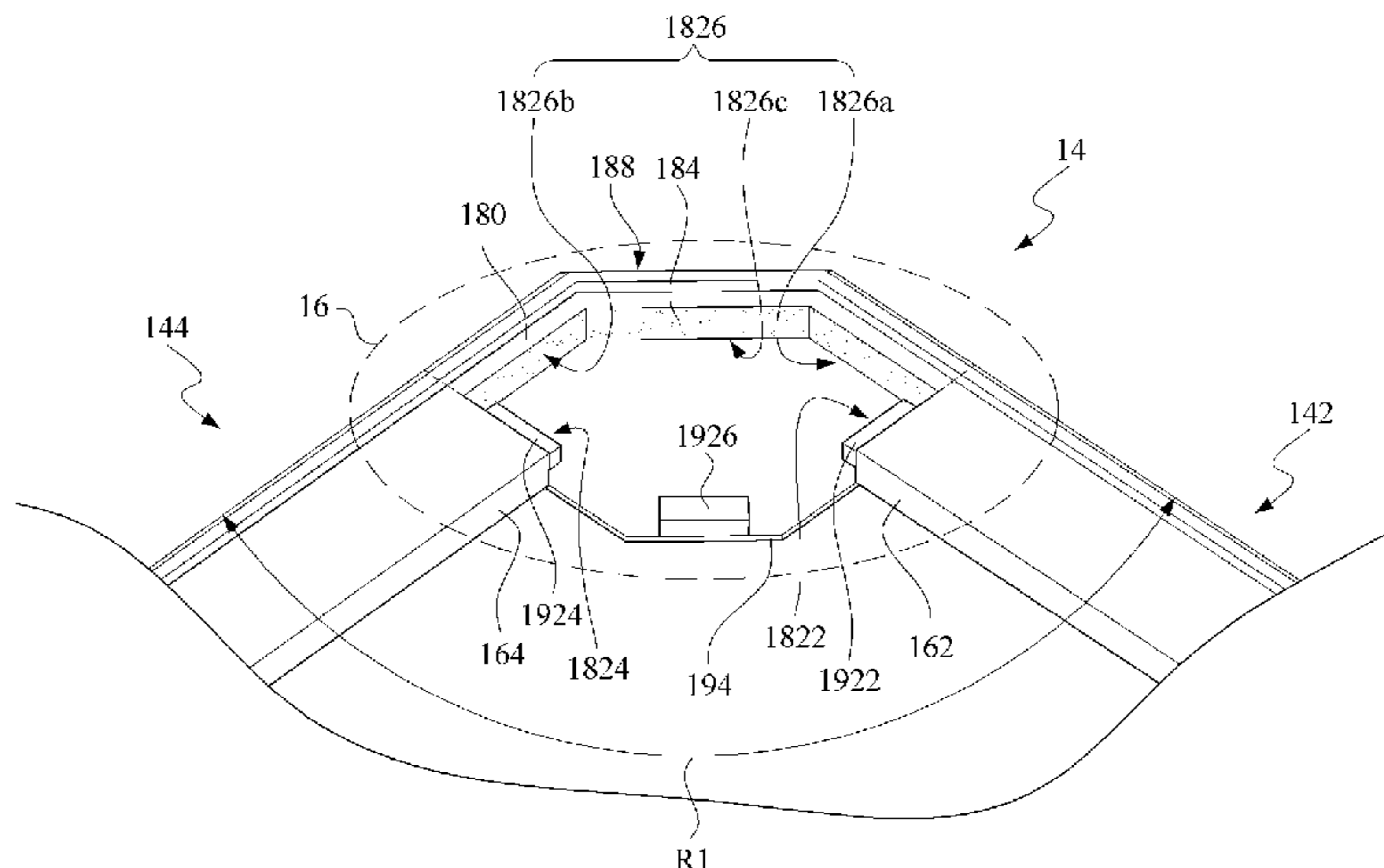
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(57) **ABSTRACT**
An electronic device including a luminous strip is provided, including a housing, a first light guiding strip, a second light guiding strip, a light-transmissive structure, a first light-emitting element, a second light-emitting element and a third light-emitting element. The housing includes a first side wall and a second side wall, where a corner area exists between the first side wall and the second side wall. The first light guiding strip is disposed on the first side wall. The second light guiding strip is disposed on the second side wall. The light-transmissive structure is disposed in the corner area, and connected to the first light guiding strip and the second light guiding strip. The first light-emitting element is disposed at a first end of the first light guiding strip. The second light-emitting element is disposed at a second
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end of the second light guiding strip. The third light-emitting element is disposed between the first light-emitting element and the second light-emitting element, and spaced apart from the light-transmissive structure by a preset distance, to emit light on the light-transmissive structure. A three-dimensional light effect is presented on the electronic device at low costs by using only a small number of elements, to improve the product appearance.

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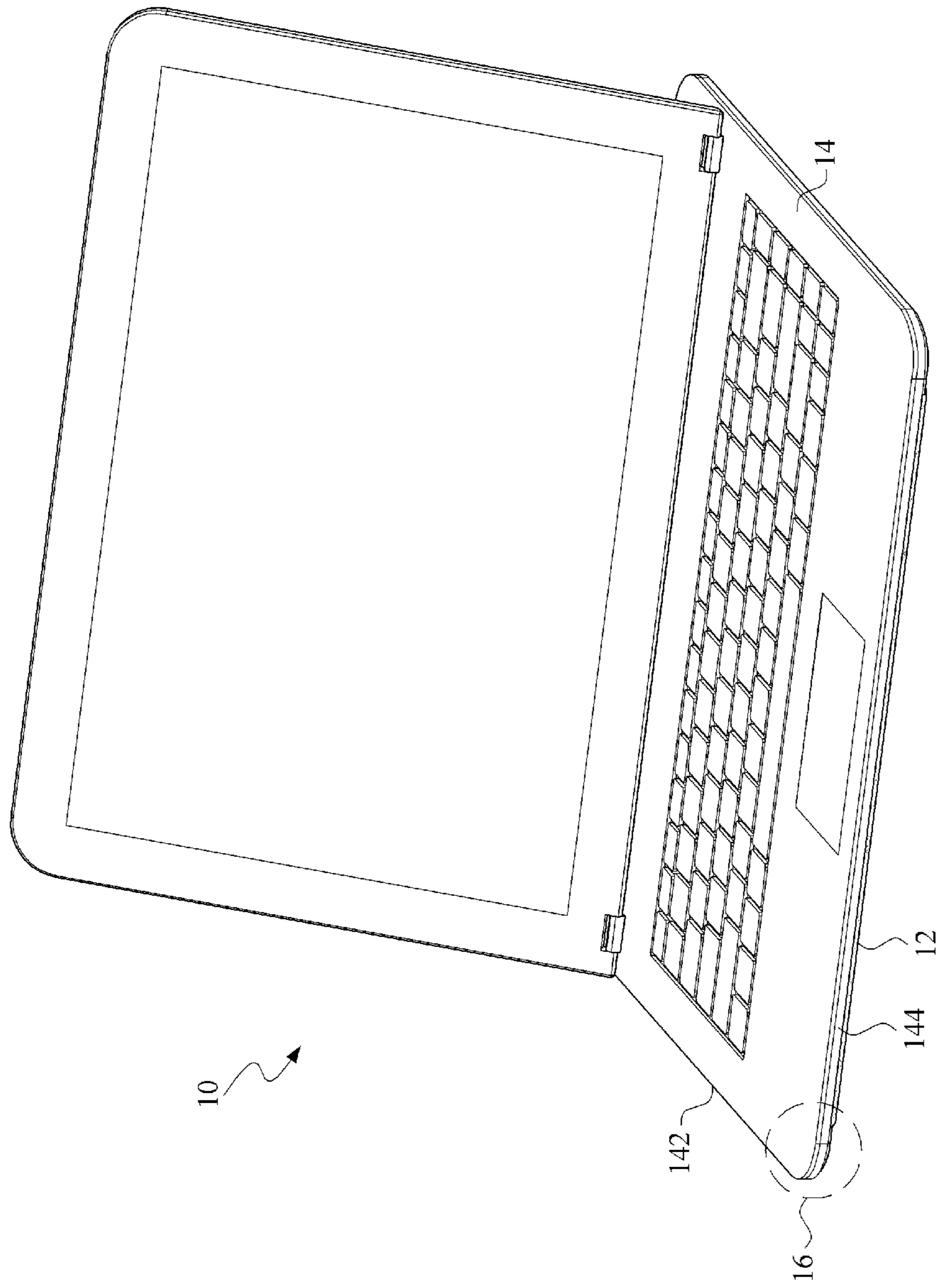


FIG. 1

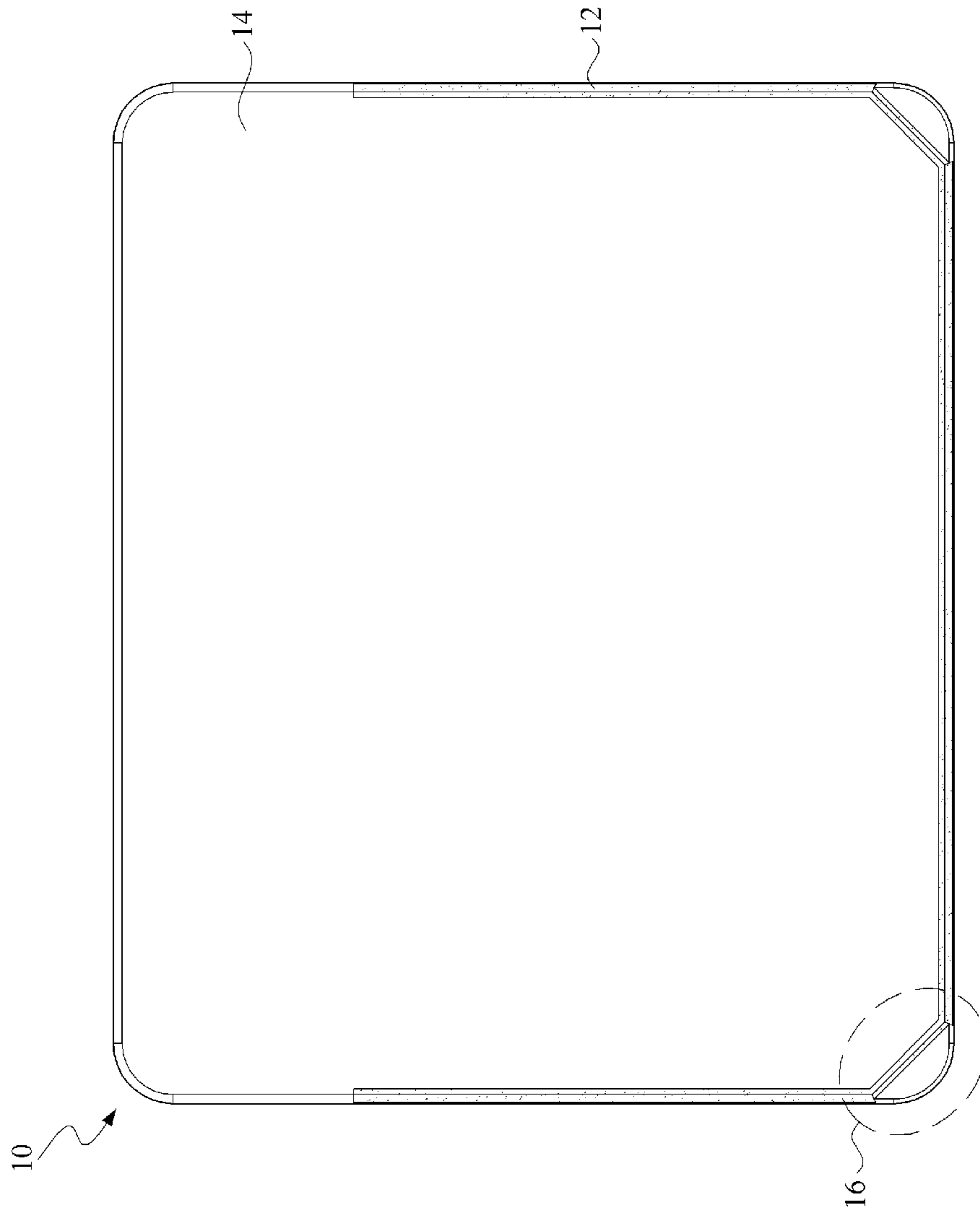


FIG. 1A

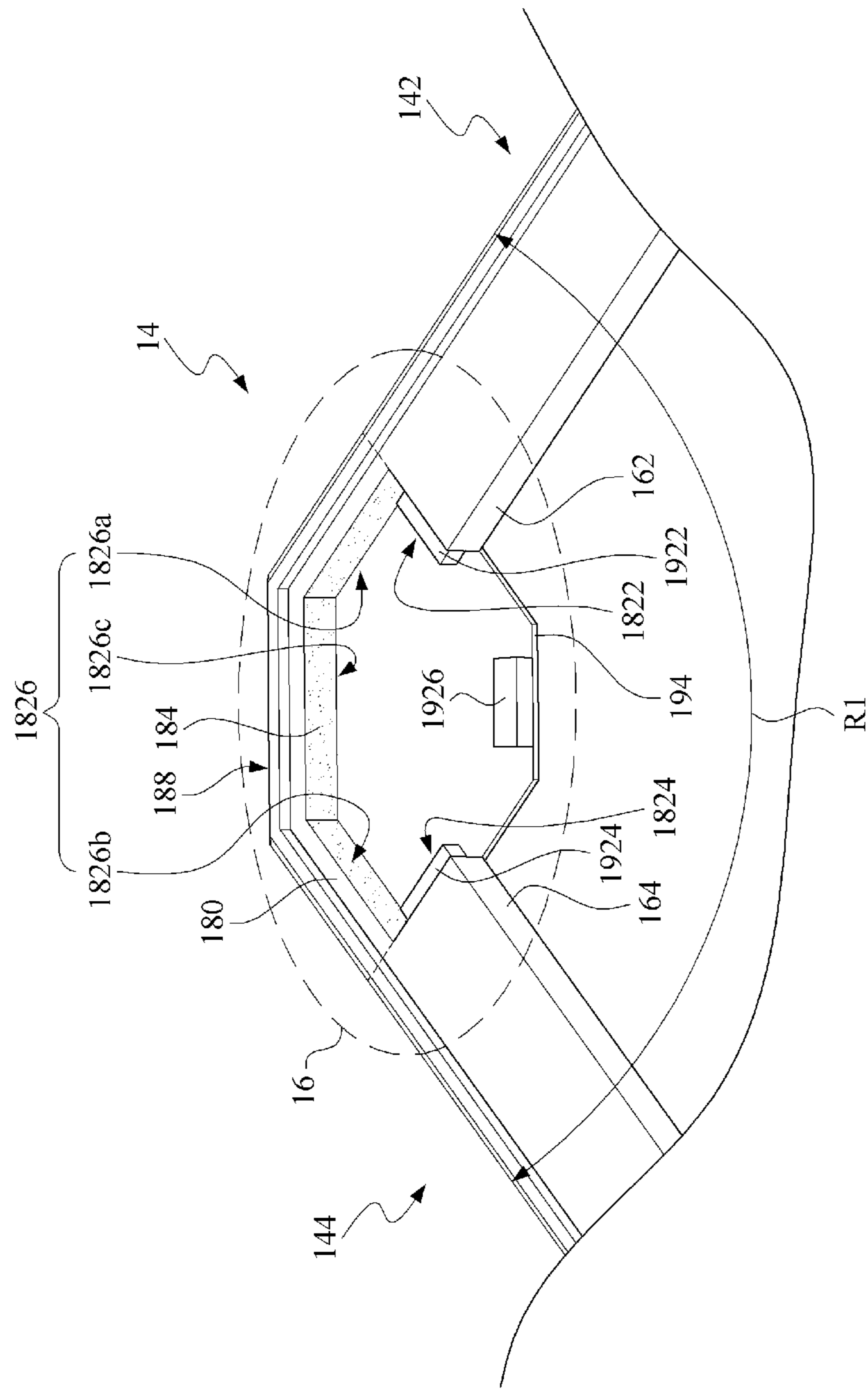


FIG. 2

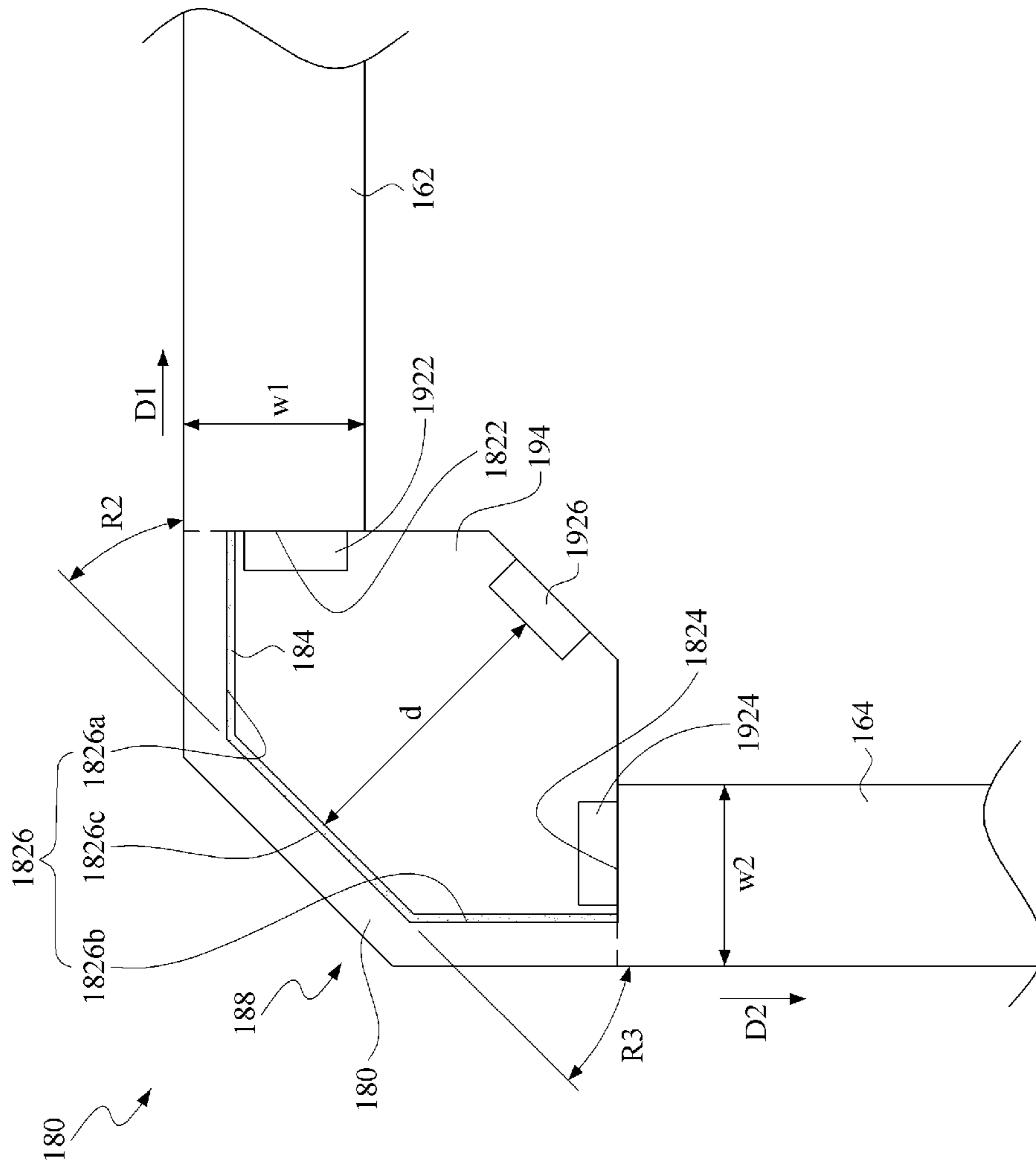


FIG.2A

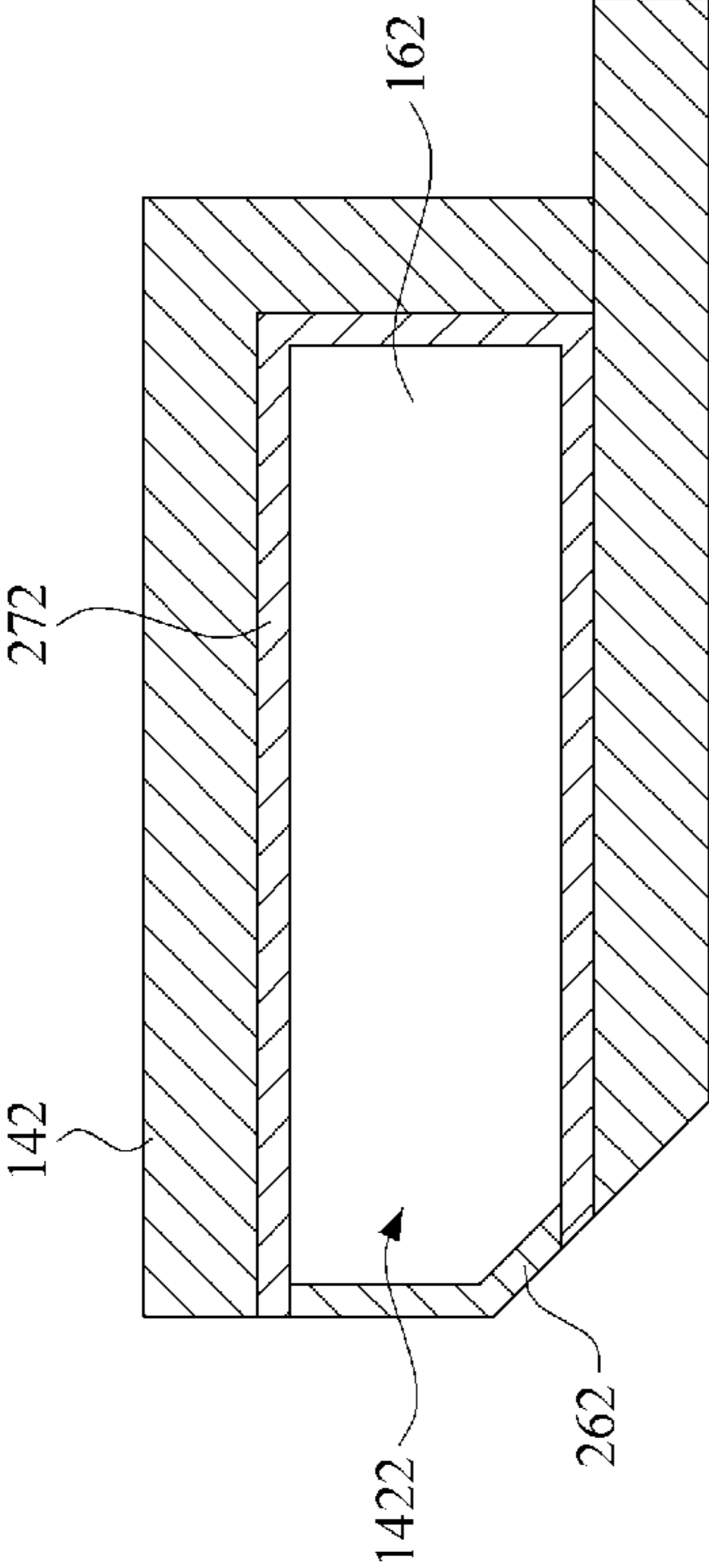


FIG.3

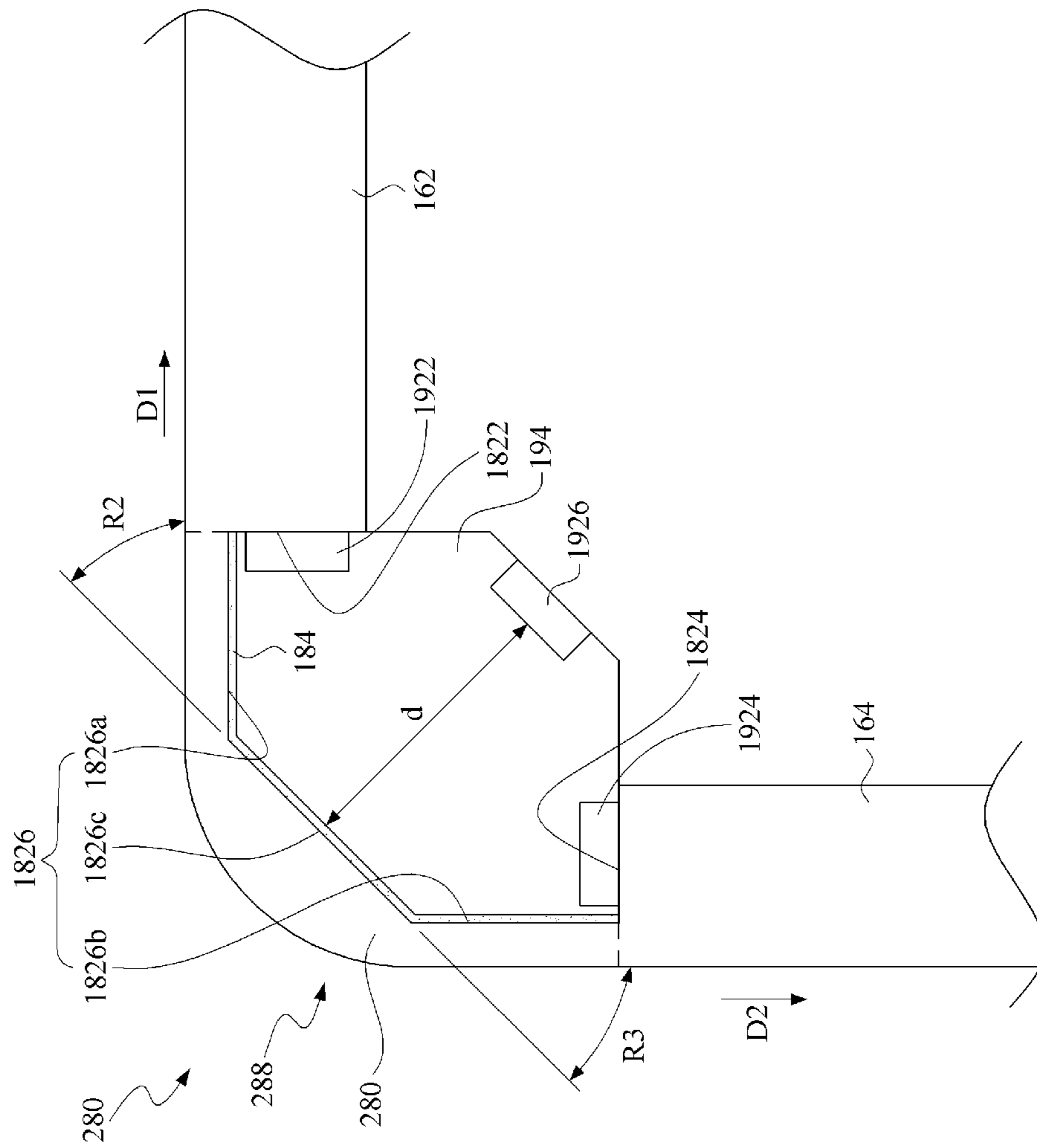


FIG.4

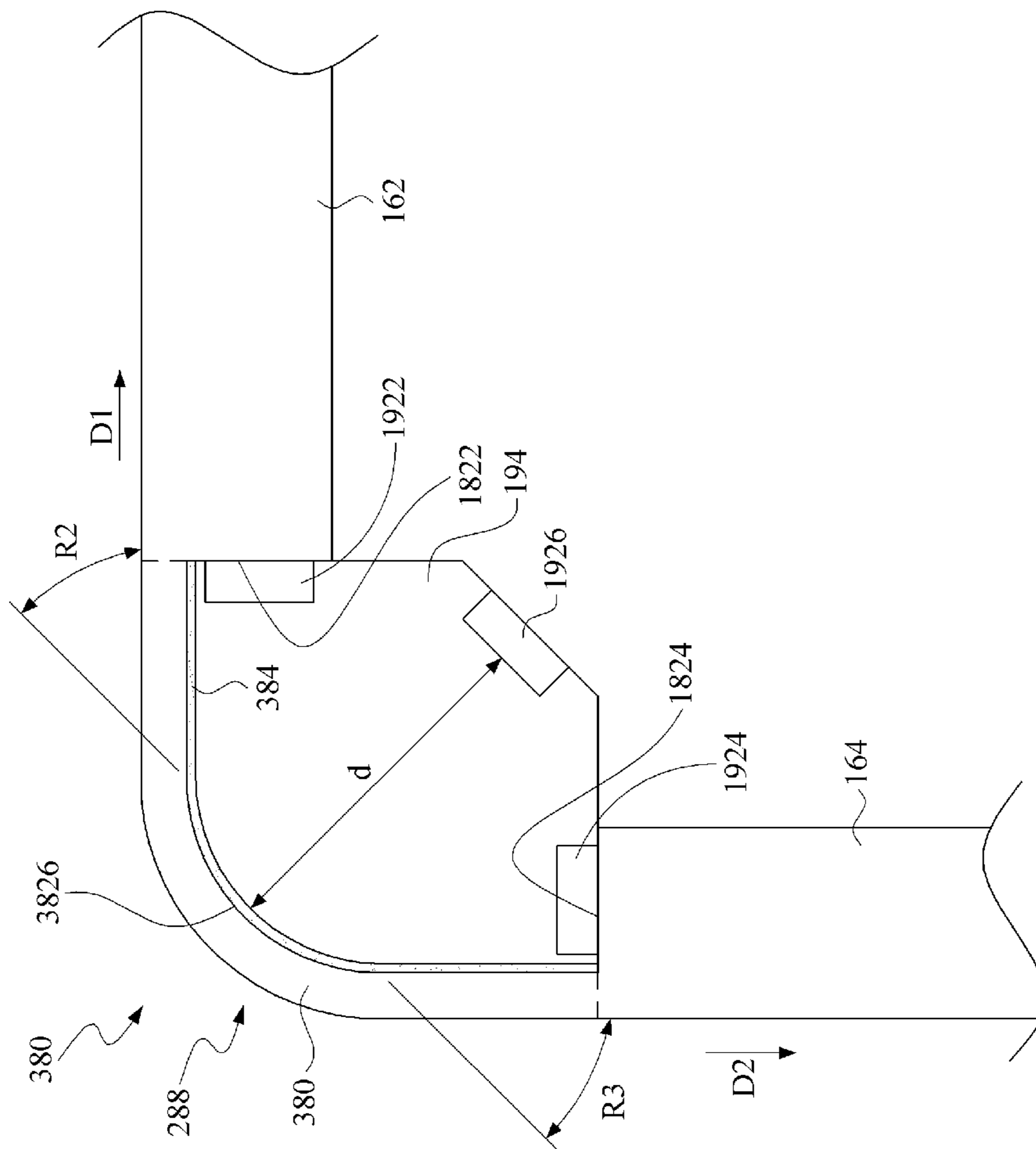


FIG.5

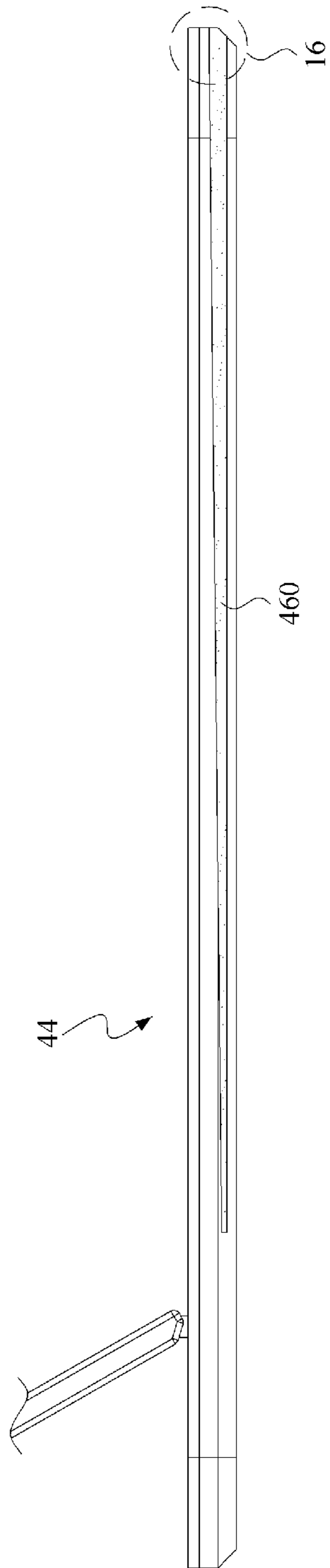


FIG.6

1**ELECTRONIC DEVICE INCLUDING
LUMINOUS STRIP****CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATION**

This application claims the priority benefit of Chinese Application Serial No. 201910325625.8, filed on Apr. 22, 2019. The entirety of the above-mentioned patent application is hereby incorporated by reference herein and made a part of the specification.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**Field of the Invention**

The disclosure relates to a housing, and in particular, to a housing of an electronic device.

Description of the Related Art

The appearance design of electronic devices (such as notebook computers) is a critical factor to highlight the distinct features of products to attract customers. In particular, using lights to produce special effect for appearance becomes more and more popular. However, the applications for conventional electronic devices are limited by the structural of the light bars that only a segment light emitting pattern is presented on a side edge, and it is difficult to conduct continuous light emitting patterns.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The disclosure provides an electronic device including a luminous strip. The electronic device includes a housing, a first light guiding strip, a second light guiding strip, a light-transmissive structure, a first light-emitting element, a second light-emitting element and a third light-emitting element. The housing includes a first side wall and a second side wall, where a corner area exists between the first side wall and the second side wall.

The first light guiding strip is disposed on the first side wall. The second light guiding strip is disposed on the second side wall. The light-transmissive structure is disposed in the corner area, and connected to the first light guiding strip and the second light guiding strip. The first light-emitting element is disposed at a first end of the first light guiding strip. The second light-emitting element is disposed at a second end of the second light guiding strip. The third light-emitting element is disposed between the first light-emitting element and the second light-emitting element, and spaced apart from the light-transmissive structure by a preset distance, to emit light to the light-transmissive structure.

Based on the above, the electronic device provided in the disclosure presents a continuous light-emitting pattern in the corner area by using a small number of light-emitting elements. Therefore, a three-dimensional light effect is presented on the electronic device at low costs by using only a small number of elements according to the disclosure, thus to improve the product appearance.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a schematic three-dimensional view of an embodiment of an electronic device according to the disclosure;

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FIG. 1A is a schematic bottom view of the electronic device in FIG. 1;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged view of a corner area of a housing of the electronic device in FIG. 1;

FIG. 2A is a schematic top view after the housing in FIG. 2 is removed;

FIG. 3 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a side wall of the housing of the electronic device in FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a schematic view of a light-transmissive structure of an electronic device;

FIG. 5 is a schematic view of a light-transmissive structure of an electronic device; and

FIG. 6 is a schematic view of an embodiment of a light guiding strip.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
EMBODIMENTS**

Specific embodiments of the disclosure are further described below with reference to schematic drawings. The advantages and features of the disclosure is much clear according to the following descriptions and claims. It should be noted that the drawings, which are in simplified forms and not drawn to scale, are merely used for facilitating a clear understanding of the embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 1 is a schematic three-dimensional view of an embodiment of an electronic device **10** according to the disclosure. FIG. 1A is a schematic bottom view of the electronic device **10** in FIG. 1. In this embodiment, the electronic device **10** is a notebook computer. A U-shaped luminous strip **12** is mounted on a housing **14** of a keyboard part of the notebook computer. In an embodiment, the U-shaped luminous strip **12** is able to be applied to a housing around a screen of the notebook computer. In some embodiments, the electronic device **10** is a desktop computer, a tablet computer or other electronic device that able to be applied with a luminous strip.

FIG. 2 is an enlarged view of a corner area **16** of a housing **14** of the electronic device in FIG. 1. In the figure, an upper cover (that is, a housing portion at which the keyboard is disposed) of the keyboard part of the notebook computer is removed, to show an internal structure of the housing **14**.

As shown in the figure, the housing **14** includes a first side wall **142** and a second side wall **144**. A corner area **16** exists between the first side wall **142** and the second side wall **144**. In this embodiment, the first side wall **142** is located at a front side of the housing **14**, that is, a side of the housing **14** close to a user, and the second side wall **144** is located on a lateral side of the housing **14**. In an embodiment, the first side wall **142** is located at a rear side of the housing **14**. In addition, in an embodiment, the housing **14** is a rectangular housing, and an angle R1 between the first side wall **142** and the second side wall **144** ranges from 70 degrees to 110 degrees.

A first light guiding strip **162** is disposed on the first side wall **142**. A second light guiding strip **164** is disposed on the second side wall **144**. A light-transmissive structure **180** is disposed in the corner area **16**, and connected to the first light guiding strip **162** and the second light guiding strip **164**. In this embodiment, the first light guiding strip **162**, the second light guiding strip **164** and the light-transmissive structure **180** are integrally formed, to reduce the number of elements and simplify assembly procedures.

In an embodiment, to adapt to different designs of the housing of the electronic device, the first light guiding strip **162**, the second light guiding strip **164** and the light-transmissive structure **180** are independent components.

Refer to FIG. 2A, which is a schematic top view after the housing in FIG. 2 is removed. As shown in the figure, the light-transmissive structure **180** includes an inner surface **1826**. The first light guiding strip **162** includes a first end **1822**. The second light guiding strip **164** includes a second end **1824**. In this embodiment, the inner surface **1826** of the light-transmissive structure **180** includes a plane **1826c** and two end portions **1826a** and **1826b**.

The two end portions **1826a** and **1826b** respectively extend to the first end **1822** of the first light guiding strip **162** and the second end **1824** of the second light guiding strip **164**. An angle R2 between the plane **1826c** and an extending direction D1 of the first light guiding strip **162** ranges from 30 degrees to 60 degrees, and an angle R3 between the plane **1826c** and an extending direction D2 of the second light guiding strip **164** ranges from 30 degrees to 60 degrees, to avoid affecting the continuity of a light-emitting pattern due to an excessively large corner angle. In an embodiment, as shown in the figure, both the angle R2 and the angle R3 are 45 degrees.

The first light-emitting element **1922** is disposed at the first end **1822** of the first light guiding strip **162**, to emit light to the first light guiding strip **162**. The second light-emitting element **1924** is disposed at the second end **1824** of the second light guiding strip **164**, to emit light to the second light guiding strip **164**. The third light-emitting element **1926** is disposed between the first light-emitting element **1922** and the second light-emitting element **1924**, and emits light in a direction approximately aligned with a central position of the inner surface **1826** of the light-transmissive structure **180**.

In an embodiment, the first light-emitting element **1922**, the second light-emitting element **1924** and the third light-emitting element **1926** emit light of different colors, which is mixed into a variety of colors in the corner area **16**, to provide more diversified visual effects.

In an embodiment, the first light-emitting element **1922**, the second light-emitting element **1924** and the third light-emitting element **1926** emit light of the same color. In addition, in an embodiment, the first light-emitting element **1922** disposed at the first end **1822** of the first light guiding strip **162** and a light-emitting element (not shown) disposed at the other end of the first light guiding strip **162** emit light of different colors, which is mixed into a variety of colors in the first light guiding strip **162**, to provide more diversified visual effects.

The third light-emitting element **1926** is spaced apart from the light-transmissive structure **180** by a preset distance d , to ensure that light generated by the third light-emitting element **1926** is effectively distributed on the light-transmissive structure **180**. In an embodiment, the preset distance d is greater than a width $w1$ of the first light guiding strip **162** or a width $w2$ of the second light guiding strip **164**.

In addition, as an external structure of the light-transmissive structure **180** also affects the light-emitting effect at the corner area **16**, as shown in FIG. 2A, in this embodiment, an outer surface of the light-transmissive structure **180** includes a chamfer **188**, to avoid discontinuity of the light-emitting pattern resulting from concentration of light caused by an excessively large corner angle of the outer surface of the light-transmissive structure **180**.

In an embodiment, the chamfer **188** is substantially parallel to the plane **1826c**. In an embodiment, an angle of the chamfer **188** is 45 degrees, to increase the light-emitting uniformity of the light-transmissive structure **180** in the corner area **16**.

Light generated by the third light-emitting element **1926** is directly emitted outward through the light-transmissive structure **180**, and light generated by the first light-emitting element **1922** and the second light-emitting element **1924** is emitted outward from outer surfaces of the first light guiding strip **162** and the second light guiding strip **164** under the guidance of the first light guiding strip **162** and the second light guiding strip **164**. To prevent the luminous intensity of the third light-emitting element **1926** from being too high to affect the continuity of the light-emitting pattern of the corner area **16**, in an embodiment, the brightness of the third light-emitting element **1926** is lower than the brightness of the first light-emitting element **1922** and the second light-emitting element **1924**.

In an embodiment, as shown in the figure, a diffusion film **184** is adhered to the inner surface **1826** of the light-transmissive structure **180** to enhance the light-emitting uniformity of the corner area **16**. The adhesion of the diffusion film **184** is an implementation of enhancing the light-emitting uniformity. In an embodiment, a fine and rough structure is directly formed on the inner surface **1826** of the light-transmissive structure **180** to enhance the light-emitting uniformity.

In an embodiment, the first light-emitting element **1922**, the second light-emitting element **1924** and the third light-emitting element **1926** are disposed on a same circuit board **194** to simplify assembly procedures. The appearance of the circuit board **194** corresponds to the appearance of the inner surface **1826** of the light-transmissive structure **180**. In addition, the first light-emitting element **1922**, the second light-emitting element **1924** and the third light-emitting element **1926** are light-emitting diodes.

FIG. 3 is a schematic cross-sectional view of the first side wall **142** of the housing **14** of the electronic device in FIG. 1. In the figure, the upper cover of the keyboard part of the notebook computer is removed. As shown in the figure, the first side wall **142** includes a groove **1422** to accommodate the first light guiding strip **162**. In addition, to enhance the luminous efficiency of the first light guiding strip **162**, a light reflective film **272**, such as a white film layer, is provided between the groove **1422** and the first light guiding strip **162**. The light reflective film **272** covers upper and lower surfaces and the inner surface of the first light guiding strip **162** to ensure that light is effectively emitted outward from the outer surface of the first light guiding strip **162**.

In addition, to provide the uniformity of light emitted outward from the outer surface (that is, the light emitting surface) of the first light guiding strip **162**, a light diffusion structure **262** is formed on the outer surface of the first light guiding strip **162** by adhering a diffusion film or forming a fine and rough structure on the surface of the first light guiding strip **162** or other means. In this embodiment, during the formation of the first light guiding strip **162**, a fine and rough structure is directly formed on the outer surface of the first light guiding strip **162** to serve as the light diffusion structure **262** to enhance the light-emitting uniformity. The foregoing embodiments are descriptions of the first side wall **142** of the disclosure. The technical features described in this embodiment also apply to the second side wall **144** of the disclosure.

FIG. 4 is a schematic view of a corner area of another embodiment of an electronic device according to the disclosure. Compared with the embodiment in FIG. 2A in which the outer surface of the light-transmissive structure **180** includes the chamfer **188**, an outer surface of a light-transmissive structure **280** in this embodiment includes a fillet **288**. Two ends of the fillet **288** respectively extend to

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connect to the outer surfaces of the first light guiding strip **162** and the second light guiding strip **164**, and respectively turn to the extending direction **D1** of the first light guiding strip **162** and the extending direction **D2** of the second light guiding strip **164**, to avoid discontinuity of the light-emitting pattern resulting from the formation of a discontinuous surface on the outer side of the light-transmissive structure **280**.

FIG. **5** is a schematic view of a corner area of still another embodiment of an electronic device according to the disclosure. Compared with the embodiment in FIG. **3** in which a middle section of the inner surface **1826** of the light-transmissive structure **180** is the plane **1826c**, a middle section of an inner surface **3826** of a light-transmissive structure **380** in this embodiment is a curved surface. An extending direction of the curved surface substantially corresponds to an extending direction of the fillet **288** on the outer surface of the corner light-transmissive structure **380**, to avoid discontinuity of the light-emitting pattern resulting from the formation of a discontinuous surface on the inner surface of the light-transmissive structure **280**. This embodiment helps enhance the uniformity of light in the corner area.

FIG. **6** is a schematic view of an embodiment of a light guiding strip **460** according to the disclosure. The light guiding strip **460** in the figure is disposed on a side surface of the housing **44** of the electronic device. A front end of the light guiding strip **460** is connected to the light-transmissive structure (not shown in the figure) in the corner area **16**, to guide the light generated by the light-emitting element disposed in the corner area toward the rear side, and emit light outward through an outer surface of the light guiding strip **460**. A width of the light guiding strip **460** gradually decreases from front to rear, to compensate for the brightness attenuation caused by an increase in the light propagation distance, thereby ensuring the light-emitting uniformity of the front and rear sections of the light guiding strip **460**.

Based on the above, the electronic device provided in the embodiment presents a continuous light-emitting pattern on the first light guiding strip **162**, the second light guiding strip **164** and the light-transmissive structures **180**, **280** and **380** in the corner area by using only three light-emitting elements **1922**, **1924** and **1926** in combination. The U-shaped luminous strip **12** in the FIG. **1** presents a continuous light-emitting pattern by using only six light-emitting elements. According to the disclosure, a three-dimensional light effect is presented on the electronic device at low costs by using only a small number of elements, to enhance the distinct features of the product appearance.

Although the invention is described with reference to the above embodiments, the embodiments are not intended to limit the invention. Any person skilled in the art may make variations and modifications without departing from the

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spirit and scope of the invention. Therefore, the protection scope of the invention should be subject to the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic device, comprising:

a housing, comprising a first side wall and a second side wall, wherein a corner area exists between the first side wall and the second side wall;
 a first light guiding strip, disposed on the first side wall;
 a second light guiding strip, disposed on the second side wall;
 a light-transmissive structure, disposed in the corner area, and connected to the first light guiding strip and the second light guiding strip;
 a first light-emitting element, disposed at a first end of the first light guiding strip to emit light to the first light guiding strip;
 a second light-emitting element, disposed at a second end of the second light guiding strip to emit light to the second light guiding strip; and
 a third light-emitting element, disposed between the first light-emitting element and the second light-emitting element, and spaced apart from the light-transmissive structure by a preset distance, to emit light to the light-transmissive structure.

2. The electronic device according to claim **1**, wherein the first light guiding strip, the second light guiding strip and the light-transmissive structure are integrally formed.

3. The electronic device according to claim **1**, wherein an outer surface of the light-transmissive structure comprises a chamfer.

4. The electronic device according to claim **1**, wherein an outer surface of the light-transmissive structure comprises a fillet.

5. The electronic device according to claim **1**, wherein an angle exists between an extending direction of the first side wall and an extending direction of the second side wall, and the angle ranges from 70 degrees to 110 degrees.

6. The electronic device according to claim **1**, wherein the first side wall comprises a groove to accommodate the first light guiding strip.

7. The electronic device according to claim **6**, further comprising a light reflective film formed between the groove and the first light guiding strip.

8. The electronic device according to claim **1**, wherein the first light guiding strip comprises a light emitting surface, and the light emitting surface comprises a light diffusion structure.

9. The electronic device according to claim **1**, wherein the light-transmissive structure comprises an inner surface, and the inner surface comprises a light diffusion structure.

10. The electronic device according to claim **1**, wherein brightness of the third light-emitting element is lower than brightness of the first light-emitting element.

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